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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Agris, et al.
Serial No.: 09/747,467
Filed: December 22, 2000
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DETERMINING THE
PURITY OF CHEMICALLY SYNTHESIZED NUCLEIC ACIDS

February 13, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 23-32, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Remarks

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 13, 2003, Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group II (Claims 14-18) for substantive examination. Claims of groups III and IV (claims 23-32) have been cancelled without prejudice. Reconsideration of the restriction requirement as between the claims of Group I and II is respectfully requested, as these claims are related as product and method of use thereof.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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